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## SF<sub>6</sub> Emissions Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This is a voluntary agreement between \_\_\_\_\_ (company name) (herein, referred to as the "Partner") and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the purpose of reducing sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) emissions by implementing cost-effective emission reduction technologies and practices.

Authorized Company Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Kathleen Hogan, Director, Climate Protection Partnerships Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Designated Representative:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EPA's Responsibilities:**

EPA will assist Partner by:

1. serving as a clearinghouse for technical information on successful strategies for reducing SF<sub>6</sub> emissions;
2. sponsoring research relating to such strategies;
3. conducting technical conferences;
4. providing an established protocol to inventory, track, and report estimated SF<sub>6</sub> emissions;
5. providing a Service Representative responsible for assist the Partner in implementing the program; and
6. providing partner recognition for achievements through brochures, public service announcements (PSAs), articles, and awards.

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**Partner's Responsibilities:**

Partner agrees to:

1. estimate SF<sub>6</sub> emissions during one of the years between 1990 and 1999 to serve as the starting year (base year) for measuring SF<sub>6</sub> emission reductions (if this information is not available, the earliest year with data can serve as the base year);
2. submit a report each year on its corporate-wide inventory emissions of SF<sub>6</sub> and describe technologies and practices implemented to reduce emissions;
3. establish an SF<sub>6</sub> emissions reduction goal, after careful consideration of all technically and economically feasible options available;
4. develop and distribute a company-wide policy for the proper handling of SF<sub>6</sub> within one year of joining the program; and
5. communicate to employees and cooperate with EPA efforts to publicize the partnership.



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## Common Agreements and Principles

1. SF<sub>6</sub> has been identified by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change as an extremely potent greenhouse gas. EPA will seek to establish partnerships to reduce SF<sub>6</sub> emissions with U.S. electric power systems that employ SF<sub>6</sub>-charged equipment. Reducing emissions of this gas will help address climate change.
2. Most SF<sub>6</sub> emissions are the result of releases from properly functioning equipment (due to static and dynamic operation), from leakage (e.g., due to old and/or deteriorated gaskets or seals), and from gas escaping into the atmosphere when gas is either transferred into equipment or extracted from it for disposal, recycling, or storage.
3. Only technically and economically feasible actions to reduce SF<sub>6</sub> emissions will be sought. The determination of what is technically and economically feasible will vary among Partners.
4. Either party can terminate this agreement at any time, without penalty or further obligation. EPA agrees not to publicize a Partner's withdrawal from the Program; however, the fact of a Partner's withdrawal may be included in publicly available reports or other general statements about the Program.
5. Information submitted to EPA will be treated in accordance with the EPA regulations at 40 CFR Part 2, including the provisions on protecting confidential business information (CBI). For information to be treated as CBI, it must be designated as CBI at the time of submittal.

## Disclaimers

1. The Partner agrees that it will not claim or imply that its participation in the program constitutes EPA approval or endorsement of anything other than the commitment to the Program.
2. Nothing in this agreement constrains EPA or any partner from taking actions relating to SF<sub>6</sub> that are authorized or required by law.
3. This MOU is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. All commitments made by EPA in this MOU are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and budget priorities. Nothing in this MOU obligates EPA to expend appropriations or to enter into any contract, assistance agreement, interagency agreement, or other financial obligation.
4. The Partner agrees that activities connected with this agreement are not intended to provide services to the federal government; Partner will not seek compensation from EPA or any federal agency.
5. This MOU does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law, and does not apply to any person outside of the parties referenced in the MOU.